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LT. GOVERNOR

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 469, an Act relating to and making appropriations to the department of cultural affairs, the department of economic development, certain board of regents institutions, the department of workforce development, and the public employment relations board, and related matters. Senate File 469 is approved on this date, with the exception noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 25 in its entirety. Section 25 of the bill directs employees to submit actual receipts for meals and other costs and requires that reimbursement up to the maximum amount shall only be allowed in an amount equal to the sum of the actual receipts submitted. While I agree with the general intent of this section and believe that employees should be reimbursed for actual expenses, this language would be particularly difficult to administer because similar language has not been included for every state agency or department or for the Legislature's own employees. Accordingly, I have issued Executive Order Thirteen to require the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to implement a policy that will require every executive department of the Culver-Judge Administration to institute cost-effective and transparent practices that will track reimbursements paid to state employees for meals, travel and other work-related costs.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove of the designated item in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in Senate File 469 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chester J. Culver
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

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